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The 1926 Primaries of the State of Maine

A Compilation Prepared under the Direction of the Secretary of State for the Benefit of Candidates in the 1926 Primaries.

WHILE the Secretary of State is at all times very glad to furnish all possible information, candidates and others interested in the June primaries will save themselves much unnecessary inconvenience and will avoid needless delay if they will familiarize themselves with the following facts:

SIGNING OF NOMINATION PAPERS

Primary nomination papers must not be signed prior to January 1st, 1926, and must be filed with the Secretary of State on or before April 19, 1926. When filed there shall also be filed in writing the consent of the person proposed for nomination therein, agreeing to accept the nomination, if nominated at the Primary election, not to withdraw, and if elected at the State election to qualify as such officer.

Nomination papers may be signed only by members of the same political party as the proposed candidate, who reside in the electoral division in which the nomination is sought. Each voter may sign one nomination paper for the same office and only one, except in cases where more than one person is to be elected to the same office. Each such signer of a nomination paper must make his signature in person, in a legible manner, and add to it his place of residence. Ditto marks, indicating the residence, made by the person signing the nomination paper, will be accepted. One of the signers, or the person circulating the nomination paper, must make oath thereon that to the best of his knowledge and belief the signatures are genuine, that the persons signing are members of the same political party as the candidate, and

that they reside in the electoral district or division in which the nomination is to be made.

The total number of signatures for the nomination of a candidate must amount in the aggregate to at least one per cent, and must not exceed two per cent, of the total gubernatorial vote for all candidates cast in the 1924 election in the electoral district or division in which the nomination is proposed. The appended schedule has been figured on this basis and is intended to show accurately the minimum and maximum number of signatures required and permitted in each and every electoral district in the State in which nominations are to be made in the June primaries of 1926.

The name of the proposed candidate should either be printed or typewritten in order that there may be no misunderstanding as to the exact manner in which his name shall appear on the ballot. Particular care should be taken that the name of the candidate should be written and spelled the same on all the petitions circulated. All nomination papers, when filed with the Secretary of State, will be immediately opened, catalogued and subject to public inspection under proper restrictions. Candidates are urgently requested to give their post office addresses, as well as their residences, not only for their own protection but also in order that all communications sent out from this Department may reach them promptly.

ALL CANDIDATES TO BE NOTIFIED OF RESULT

The returns of the Primary election will be canvassed by the Governor and Council not later than the first Tuesday in July, 1926. As soon as possible thereafter there will be sent to each candidate whose name

appeared on the primary ballot, a copy of the detailed tabulation of the vote cast in the electoral district or division in which he was a candidate.

CANDIDATES MUST FILE ACCEPTANCES AND EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

Successful candidates will be notified, by registered mail, of their nomination at the Primary election. Within seven days after the receipt of such notification the candidate must, by registered mail, file his acceptance with the Secretary of State. The failure of any candidate to file such acceptance within the specified time shall be deemed a refusal thereof and his name will not be printed on the September ballot.

Every candidate nominated at a Primary election shall, in addition to the acceptance of his nomination, within seven days after the receipt of the above mentioned notification, file with the Secretary of State an itemized expense account setting forth in detail all expenditures made and all liabilities incurred (exclusive of personal expenses for postage, telegrams, telephones, stationery, express and traveling), in connection with his candidacy. The failure of any candidate to file a return of his expenses within the specified time will render his nomination null and void and if any statement in such return is wilfully false it will be deemed perjury.

EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

No person other than a "political agent" (as defined in section 125, chap. 7, Revised Statutes) may legally pay any of the expenses connected with the candidacy of any person in the Primary election (except that a candidate may pay his actual personal expenses as above enumerated).

Candidates may act as their own political agents or they may appoint another person to serve in that capacity. In either case no money may be legally spent or liabilities incurred (except for the aforementioned personal expenses) unless the candidate shall first have notified the Secretary of State of his intention to serve as his own political agent or shall have filed a notification of the appointment of another person to serve as such.

When a candidate acts as his own political agent only one return of expenses need be made—that of the candidate. When a person other than the candidate acts as such agent two expense accounts must be filed, namely, one by the candidate, within seven days after he receives the notification of his appointment, and the other by the political agent fifteen days after the Primary election. Failure upon the part of the candidate renders his nomination null and void; failure upon the part of the political agent subjects such agent to a fine of twenty-five dollars a day for each and every day he is in default, unless he be excused by the court; but the delinquency of the political agent in this regard does not affect the validity of the nomination of the candidate.

The fact that neither candidate nor political agent incurred any expense (other than personal) does not preclude the necessity of filing expense accounts. In case no money was spent or liabilities incurred statements setting forth this fact under oath must be filed with the Secretary of State within the prescribed time.

NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED AND PERMITTED ON PRIMARY NOMINATION PAPERS

The following schedule figured from the 1924 gubernatorial tabulation is intended to show accurately the number of signers which is required and permitted on Primary nomination papers in each and every electoral district or division in the State of Maine in which nominations are to be made at the 1926 June Primaries.

	Minimum	Maximum
State at Large	2539	5077
First Congressional District	681	1360
Second Congressional District	608	1215
Third Congressional District	683	1365
Fourth Congressional District	569	1136

County Offices

Androscoggin	198	395
Aroostook	188	374
Cumberland	428	854
Franklin	60	119
Hancock	99	197
Kennebec	247	493
Knox	97	193
Lincoln	67	133
Oxford	124	246
Penobscot	311	620
Piscataquis	71	142
Sagadahoc	64	127
Somerset	123	245
Waldo	79	156
Washington	136	272
York	254	506

REPRESENTATIVE CLASS DISTRICTS

Androscoggin County

Auburn (entitled to three)	55	109
Lewiston (entitled to five)	83	165
Lisbon	14	27
East Livermore, Mechanic Falls	17	33
Livermore, Turner, Minot	11	21
Poland, Greene, Wales	10	18
Webster, Durham, Leeds	11	20

Aroostook County

Caribou	17	34
Fort Fairfield	11	20
Presque Isle	14	27
Houlton	19	37

	Minimum	Maximum
Dyer Brook, Oakfield, Moro Pl., Merrill, Smyrna, New Limerick. Ludlow, Hammond Pl., Littleton	11	20
Monticello, Bridgewater, Blaine, Mars Hill, E Plantation	12	23
Sherman, Island Falls, Hersey, Crystal, Benedicta, Silver Ridge, Macwahoc	12	23
Linneus, Hodgdon, Cary Plantation, Amity, Glenwood Pl., Haynesville, Orient, Weston, Bancroft, Reed Pl.	10	18
Limestone, Caswell Pl., Connor, Hamlin Pl., Cyr Pl., Westmanland Pl., Stockholm	12	22
Van Buren, Grand Isle	13	25
Ashland, Castle Hill, Masardis, Portage Lake, Oxbow Pl., Garfield Pl., Nashville Pl.	9	17
Woodland, Washburn, New Sweden, Perham	9	17
Easton, Chapman, Mapleton, Wade, Westfield	8	15
Frenchville, St. Agatha, Madawaska	11	20
Fort Kent, Wallagrass Pl.	14	26
Eagle Lake, Allagash Pl., St. Francis Pl., St. John Pl., New Canada Pl., Winterville Pl.	12	23

Cumberland County

Portland (entitled to seven)	219	436
Westbrook (entitled to two)	38	75
South Portland (entitled to three)	38	74
Brunswick (entitled to two)	25	49
Gorham	10	18
Bridgton	11	20
Pownal, Freeport	10	19
Cumberland, Falmouth	12	22
Scarborough, Cape Elizabeth	14	27
Sebago, Baldwin, Standish	11	21
Harrison, Otisfield, Windham	13	24
Gray, Raymond, New Gloucester	11	21
Harpswell, Casco, Naples	11	20
Yarmouth, North Yarmouth	11	21

Franklin County

Jay, Wilton	16	30
Farmington, Chesterville, New Sharon, Temple	19	36
Carthage, Weld, Avon, Strong, Phillips, Madrid, New Vineyard, Industry, Perkins Pl., Washington Pl.	15	29
Rangeley, Rangeley Pl., Sandy River, Lang Pl., Dallas Pl., Coplin Pl., Eustis, Kingfield, Freeman, Salem, Redington and unorganized townships	12	22

Hancock County

	Minimum	Maximum
Deer Isle, Stonington, Sedgwick, Brooklin, Brooksville	13	26
Bucksport, Dedham, Orland, Verona, Penobscot, Castine	16	30
Ellsworth, Surry, Bluehill	20	38
Bar Harbor, Trenton, Hancock	18	35
Mt. Desert, Southwest Harbor, Cranberry Isle, Swans Island, Long Island, Tremont, Lamoine	16	30
Gouldsboro, Pl. No. 33, Aurora, Amherst, Mariaville, Otis, Osborn Pl., Waltham, Eastbrook, Franklin, Sullivan, Sorrento, Winter Harbor	19	36

Kennebec County

Augusta (entitled to two)	53	104
Waterville (entitled to two)	56	111
Gardiner	25	49
Clinton, Albion, Unity Pl., Benton	14	26
Vassalboro, Winslow	19	37
Chelsea, Farmingdale	7	13
Windsor, Randolph, Pittston, China	15	29
Manchester, Hallowell, West Gardiner	16	31
Monmouth, Winthrop, Litchfield	16	31
Readfield, Mount Vernon, Rome, Wayne, Fayette, Vienna	13	24
Sidney, Belgrade, Oakland	18	34

Knox County

Rockland	31	60
Thomaston, S. Thomaston, Friendship, Cushing, Owls Head	16	30
Rockport, Warren, Union, Washington	21	40
Camden, Hope, Appleton	20	38
Vinalhaven, North Haven, Isle au Haut, Criehaven, Muscle Ridge, St. George, Matinicus	12	23

Lincoln County

Alna, Waldoboro, Whitefield, Jefferson, Somerville, New Castle	26	50
Southport, Boothbay Harbor, Bristol, So. Bristol, Boothbay, Monhegan Pl.	21	41
Bremen, Damariscotta, Dresden, Nobleboro, Edgecomb, Westport, Wiscasset	21	41

Oxford County

Rumford, Hanover, Roxbury (entitled to two)	28	54
Mexico, Peru, Woodstock	15	29
Dixfield, Canton, Hartford, Sumner, Buckfield, Hebron	18	35

	Minimum	Maximum
Paris, Oxford	16	31
Norway, Waterford, Stoneham, Lovell, Sweden	18	35
Hiram, Porter, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Stow, Denmark	16	31
Bethel, Albany, Greenwood, Gilead, Mason, Grafton, Newry, Upton, Magalloway Pl., Lincoln Pl., Milton Pl., Andover, Byron and all unclassified territory	14	27
Penobscot County		
Bangor (entitled to four)	93	185
Brewer	24	47
Old Town	27	53
Dexter, Garland	22	43
Newport, Corinna, Exeter, Stetson	19	37
Plymouth, Etna, Levant, Dixmont, Newburg, Kenduskeag, Carmel	15	29
Corinth, Charleston, Hudson, Bradford, LaGrange, Argyle, Alton, Edinburg, Howland	16	30
Hampden, Hermon, Glenburn	13	24
Orono, Milford	17	33
Millinocket, East Millinocket	16	31
Orrington, Holden, Eddington, Clifton, Bradley, Greenfield, Veazie, Greenbush	15	29
Burlington, Lowell, Passadumkeag, Enfield, Lincoln	17	33
Lee, Springfield, Carroll, Winn, Webster, Prentiss, Chester, Woodville, Mattamiscontis, Mattawamkeag, Maxfield, Lakeville, Sebois	11	21
Patten, Mt. Chase, Stacyville, Drew, Kingman, Medway, Davidson, Grand Falls, Summit, and all other unclassified territory	11	20
Piscataquis County		
Greenville, Monson, Wellington, Shirley, Willimantic, Blanchard, Elliottsville Pl., Kingsbury Pl., Chesuncook and all other territory not otherwise classified	13	25
Brownville, Guilford, Abbot, Parkman, Williamsburg, Bowerbank, Barnard Pl., Katahdin Iron Works	18	34
Dover-Foxcroft, Sangerville	22	43
Lake View Pl., Medford, Orneville, Milo, Sebec, Atkinson	20	39
Sagadahoc County		
Bath (entitled to three)	32	63
Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Richmond, Georgetown	17	33

	Minimum	Maximum
Arrowsic, West Bath, Topsham, Woolwich, Phippsburg	16	30
Somerset County		
Skowhegan	24	47
Fairfield, Smithfield, Mercer	20	38
Palmyra, Detroit, Cornville, Pittsfield	19	37
Harmony, St. Albans, Ripley, Hartland, Cambridge, Canaan	15	29
Madison, Solon, Athens	20	38
Anson, Starks, Norridgewock, Embden, Concord	14	27
Bingham, New Portland, Moscow, Bigelow, Brighton, Caratunk, Dead River, Dennistown, Flagstax Pl., The Forks, Highland, Jackman, Lexington, Mayfield, Moose River, Pleasant Ridge, West Forks Pl., Long Pond Pl.	13	25
Waldo County		
Belfast	20	39
Belmont, Liberty, Lincolnville, Searsmont, Morrill, Palermo, Northport, Montville, Freedom, Knox	18	35
Thorndike, Unity, Burnham, Troy, Brooks, Jackson, Waldo, Monroe, Swanville	21	41
Searsport, Islesboro, Stockton, Prospect, Winterport, Frankfort	21	40
Washington County		
Calais	20	38
Eastport	13	25
Milbridge, Cherryfield, Beddington, Steuben, Deblois, Harrington, Addison, Columbia	22	43
Columbia Falls, Jonesport, Machiasport, Jonesboro, Cutler, Beals	18	35
Machias, Roque Bluffs, Whitneyville, Northfield, Wesley, Centerville, Marshfield, East Machias, No. 18 Pl., Marion	17	33
Dennysville, Crawford, No. 14 Pl., Perry, Pembroke, Meddybemps, Cooper, Alexander, Robbinston, Charlotte	13	25
Lubec, Trescott, Edmunds, Whiting	15	29
Danforth, Baileyville, Brookton, Topsfield, Princeton, Vanceboro, Baring, Waite, Lambert Lake, I Township, Forest City, Talmadge, Codyville, Grand Lake Stream, No. 21 Pl., Kossuth, No. 5 Pl., Pl. No. 10, Range 3	21	40

York County

	Minimum	Maximum
Biddeford (entitled to three) .	56	110
Sanford (entitled to two)	47	93
Saco	28	55
Berwick, South Berwick	21	41
Kennebunk, Kennebunkport ..	16	30
York, Old Orchard, North Kennebunkport	15	29
Lebanon, No. Berwick, Wells .	17	32
Buxton, Dayton, Hollis, Lyman	16	30
Cornish, Limerick, Limington, Parsonsfield	13	24
Acton, Alfred, Newfield, Shapleigh, Waterboro	13	24
Kittery, Eliot	17	33

The endeavor in the above has been to cover nearly every contingency which may arise in connection with the circulating and filing of Primary nomination papers. Should any further information be desired, however, this Department will cheerfully and freely furnish it and the Election Department of this office will gladly attempt to clear up any doubt which may arise in the minds of anyone in relation to the Primaries.

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